



U.S. Consulate General Thessaloniki, Greece  
Message for U.S. Citizens: Change to Thessaloniki Consular Services  
February 15, 2013

The U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki informs U.S. citizens that as of May 31, 2013, the Consulate General will no longer provide regular consular services to U.S. citizens, including passports, notarials, and reports of birth and death abroad.

Beginning June 3, 2013, the U.S. Embassy in Athens will handle regular U.S. citizen consular services, and there will only be limited periodic appointment opportunities in Thessaloniki. Please note that any cases processed after April 11, 2013, may experience extended processing times, and applicants will need to receive documents via courier, with the courier fee being paid by the applicant. Regular services will again be provided on Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday, July 31 in Thessaloniki. Appointments for passport and citizenship services for those two days are limited, please click [here](#). For notarial appointments, please click [here](#).

Consulate General Thessaloniki will continue its non-consular functions as normal.

Please call the U.S. Embassy in Athens at **210-729-4444 for after-hours U.S. citizen emergencies in Greece.**

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Greece enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

We advise U.S. citizens to regularly monitor the [State Department's website](#), where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. We also suggest you read the [Country Specific Information for Greece](#). For additional information, refer to "[A Safe Trip Abroad](#)."

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the

United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and download our free [Smart Traveler iPhone App](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Athens is open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday, except on Greek and American official holidays, [listed here](#), and the last Wednesday of every month.

For U.S. citizen services, please contact the U.S. Embassy in Athens via email or telephone: for passports and citizenship issues, please email [AthensAmericanPassports@state.gov](mailto:AthensAmericanPassports@state.gov) or call 210-720-2494 between 2-4pm; for other U.S. citizen services, please email [AthensAmericanCitizenServices@state.gov](mailto:AthensAmericanCitizenServices@state.gov) or call 210-720-2414.